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Air Freight Up 14.6% in October

Washington, DC, November 25, 1987 -- Air freight increased 14.6 percent in October compared to the same month last year, and was up 12.2 percent in the first 10 months of 1987 for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in October rose 12.2 percent and mail volume increased 4.3 percent. Total cargo volume, including freight and mail, increased 10.5 percent.

International air freight of U.S. airlines in October was up 17.4 percent. Mail rose 1.6 percent, and total cargo increased 15.7 percent.

In the first 10 months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 9.9 percent. Mail increased 4.9 percent, and total cargo was up 8.7 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers during the first 10 months increased 15.0 percent. Mail had a slight gain of 0.3 percent, and total cargo increased 13.4 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
OCTOBER 1987	410,218	109,956	520,174	370,443	36,837	407,280	780,661	927,454
OCTOBER 1986	365,467	105,399	470,866	315,621	36,263	351,884	681,088	822,750
PERCENT CHANGE	12.2	4.3	10.5	17.4	1.6	15.7	14.6	12.7
10 MONTHS 1987	3,519,479	1,024,002	4,543,481	3,067,203	335,936	3,403,139	6,586,682	7,946,620
10 MONTHS 1986	3,202,406	976,324	4,178,730	2,666,768	334,968	3,001,736	5,869,174	7,180,466
PERCENT CHANGE	9.9	4.9	8.7	15.0	0.3	13.4	12.2	10.7

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.